

CITY OF SCRANTON WAS NOT EVEN STAGGERED

Blow Inflicted by the Coal Strike Leaves No Mark That Will Not Soon Disappear.

UTTERANCES OF SOME REPRESENTATIVE MEN

Business Will Rapidly Pick Up and a Big Boom Can Be Looked for at Once—Recorder Connell Says the Future of Scranton Was Never Brighter—Manager Logan of the Duff Agency Avers That Scranton Is Almost Independent of the Coal Business—Views of Secretary Semans of the Board of Trade, Samuel Samter and Hugh Frayne.

Scranton's business interests did not suffer grievously by reason of the strike. She will, by reason of her natural stability and the aggressiveness of her business men, recover quickly and permanently from whatever ill-effects did attend the strike. The fact that she weathered the gale so successfully will be an effective and lasting advertisement of her strength and the fact that she is free from being what might be called dependent on the coal business for sustenance.

These declarations are the summing up of views expressed by representative, thoughtful citizens, who were interviewed by "The Tribune" yesterday on the effect of the strike on Scranton. No one expressed any fear of serious consequences and all were confident of a big and immediate rush of business.

Recorder W. L. Connell said that in common with all of our citizens he was glad the struggle was over. His position as executive head of the city, has been a peculiarly trying one during the past five months, yet he cheerfully states that the general predisposition of our people towards peace and good order has made his burden much easier in this respect than it might have been, or was for the authorities in some localities.

"The future of Scranton was never brighter," he said. "With cheap power, unexcelled railroad facilities and proximity to the best market in the world there would not appear to be any reason why we should not swing at once into the stream of prosperity on which almost every other community in the country has been traveling for the past two or three years. We have been deprived from a fair participation in the general good times by circumstances which were unnatural and unfortunate, and which I happily believe are removed from us for a long time to come. I feel as if there was going to be a better understanding from now on existing between employer and employee, which is one of the first requisites for satisfactory industrial conditions."

FIRST STEP NECESSARY.

The recorder was asked what he believed was the first step necessary to accomplish the industrial rehabilitation of Scranton. "First of all," he said, "we must have and assert confidence in ourselves; then we must convince capital at home and abroad that an investment here is safe. A community may suffer from a glut in the labor market, but never from a surplus of capital. We want our home capital to loosen up and outside capital to come in."

"The push and enterprise of our moneyed men used to be proverbial, and so it will be again if we can only guarantee them industrial peace. Scranton's natural advantages are apparent enough to commend themselves without any particular advertisement by us. What we must do now is convince the prospective investor that the other conditions are equally favorable."

In answer to a question as to the general bearing and conduct of the people of Scranton during the strike, the recorder said: "I am proud of her. Despite the fact that we had ten thousand to fifteen thousand mine workers living in the city, and that thousands more of our people were sympathized with their side of the controversy, and although many of these people have experienced the pinch of actual privation, yet not a life has been lost in the city, nor was there a single disturbance of serious proportions during the whole period of the strike."

"Scranton is all right," said the recorder. "She should, and I believe will, make greater progress in the next five

years than in any former period in her history."

In response to "The Tribune's" request came the following from W. H. Logan, general manager of the R. G. Duff & Co. Commercial Agency, who, probably, better than any other man in the city is in a position to speak intelligently of Scranton's industrial affairs:

MR. LOGAN'S VIEWS.

"Time was, in the history of the older merchants of Scranton, when the suggestion of a strike by the anthracite miners brought alarm and fear of results, and the possible contingency of a strike lasting five and one-half months would have brought consternation to the majority of them. But that time, judging from late experience, has gone and in its place has come a confidence in the ability of the average merchant to withstand almost any crisis which might evolve from the coal trade."

"The strike of 1900 did not find them unprepared and the lesson of past years was sufficiently well remembered to keep them ready for the threatened strike of 1902. As it did, a year of prosperous business, as it found them with reduced stocks, small liability accounts, and owing to the change in the system of wage payments, in better condition to withstand a long struggle."

"Fortunately, the people who became idle were as well equipped for the struggle as the merchants themselves, and this has been exemplified in many ways. Witness the very slight, if any, reduction in savings accounts in banks during the strike, and the suffering among the strikers themselves."

"The statistics sub-joined, covering the period between May 1 and Oct. 15 for the years 1900, 1901 and 1902, are interesting in that they show but one failure for 1902 in fact for the preceding year:

CITY OF SCRANTON.

Year.	No. failures.	Liabilities, Assets.
1900	27	\$125,990 \$61,900
1901	9	88,400 29,100
1902	10	62,200 27,100

COUNTY, OUTSIDE OF THE CITY.

Year.	No. failures.	Liabilities, Assets.
1900	12	\$28,550 \$3,175
1901	5	25,200 28,500
1902	9	20,000 12,000

NO LONGER DEPENDENT.

"There is no question but that Scranton has, during the past ten years, grown away from its dependency upon the operation of the mines, until, it is believed that at this time not more than one-third of its population exists practically through the operation of the mines. It is a notable fact that its diversified industries, its improvements of various character and the construction of a new railroad and improvements on old ones have provided many of the enforced idlers with occupation and wages and this is seen in the maintenance of the volume of trade, particularly in the shopping district or central city."

"Some of the large retail houses report sales for the past five and one-half months in excess of the same period of 1901, although that year is said to have been the best in the history of Scranton. This is attributed to several causes, the most potent one being, probably, the practical discontinuance of a number of outlying stores and the reduction of stocks in others to a point where the trade could not be readily supplied, and it therefore found its way to the central city."

"Notwithstanding these favorable conditions merchants generally are glad of the good prospects of the ending of the present strike, and should work be resumed promptly it is more than likely that the volume of business for the next few months will surpass even that of 1901."

Said C. S. Semans, secretary of the board of trade:

"In common with the rest of mankind, I rejoice in the settlement of the coal strike. It has been severe, to be sure, but out of it all I believe good will come to our city and her people. It has demonstrated as nothing else could have done, the fact that we are no longer entirely dependent upon the mining of coal. Prosperity is still with us, and we are justly entitled to a goodly share of it."

NEED MORE INDUSTRIES.

"What we want is more industries. They are coming our way as surely as the sunrise. A little encouragement is needed, and I feel sure that our people will work together with a determination to make the city's success more pronounced in the future than in the past. It is simply a case of perpetual push and keeping at it that wins."

Samuel Samter, one of the city's leading merchants, was decidedly optimistic in his views. Said he:

"Retailers should now do a big business. There is now at hand the period of the year when domestic supplies are

In the greatest demand. People live indoors more in the winter than the summer. With a buying season on, the country generally prosperous, the ending of a big amount of new money that will come with the resumption of the miners' pay days, there ought to be a volume of business this winter unprecedented in the history of the city."

"Merchants who have allowed their stocks to become depleted can now with confidence begin to replenish them. Those of us who took stock up during the strike experienced little of the ill-consequences that came to others. Buyers who had been dealing with suburban stores which practically shut up shop, or city stores which failed to keep stocked up, came to the stores which did keep stocked up. Scranton merchants, for the most part, continued to do business during the strike just as if there was no strike, and as a consequence the commercial agencies report a business in the central city quite as big as any preceding year. It is my firm opinion that Scranton business men will soon be able to forget the strained conditions through which we have just passed."

LABOR LEADER'S COMMENTS.

Hugh Frayne, state president of the American Federation of Labor, dealt as follows with the possibilities of the future effect of the arbitral ending of the coal strike:

"To my mind the ending of the coal strike marks an epoch in strike history. The fact that the greatest industrial conflict in the world's history can be—as it almost surely will be—concluded by arbitral means is an unanswerable argument in favor of the claim of trades unionists that arbitration is a practical and effective method of adjusting differences between employer and employed. This community, I believe, will not be troubled soon again by a strike of any moment. The 'strike' which had a strong tendency to make organized capital and organized labor more respectful of each other's powers. The attempt of capital to completely ignore organized labor, as instanced in the operators' conduct, and their having to recede from their oft-estimated position, is an assurance that such a thing is not likely to occur again."

"Only one strike is now on in these parts. That is the long-drawn-out strike of the Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners. I am hopeful that the adoption of arbitration as a means of settling the miners' strike will have its effect in bringing about a settlement of the carpenters' strike by similar means. As one who is in close touch with labor unionism, I will give it as my firm opinion that with fair arbitration recognized by the employer as a medium of settlement in all disputes between employer and employee, we will not be called upon again to witness another national calamity, such as is now happily drawing to an end."

THEATRICAL.

"King Dodo."

"King Dodo" still further demonstrated his great popularity and drawing powers at the Lyceum yesterday afternoon and evening. At each performance there was something new and more so the principals and chorus were in even better voice than Wednesday night, having had time to rest up after several long jumps during the past few days.

Cors. Anderson, Harry Carter, Miss May Emory and Miss Leslie Leigh came in for a large share of applause as of course did actress Cora. The new songs and Miss Williams and Miss Peetie, the principals.

Miss Peetie's dainty ways and mannerisms secured a warm place in the hearts of the audience.

"A Fight for Millions."

Malcolm Douglas' new play, "A Fight for Millions," had its initial presentation in this city at the Academy last night, and it was greeted by a large and appreciative audience, which was treated to some absolutely new and novel works of stagecraft.

Among the features introduced is a scene showing the death cell in Sing Sing prison; an exemplification of the working of wireless telegraphy, the New York subway tunnel and the most modern submarine boat in operation in the bottom of the Hudson river. These scenes and efforts are all new and very realistic.

The company presenting "A Fight for Millions" is a very capable one. The principal parts fell to J. K. Hutchinson, Howard Truesdale, Wilbur Heid, Nicholas Conway and Laura Wall and they all deserve great credit for their finished work. Nicholas Conway's great specialty, "Laughing Moses," took the house by storm.

Mr. Douglas is an old newspaper man and very well known and liked in this city. He came into prominence some years ago as one of the authors of the "Brooklyn."

"The Dancing Missionary."

Among the features of the hit at the Dixie theater this week, probably none have attracted more attention than the sketch entitled "The Dancing Missionary," in which Terry, as London, appears. In this act the dancing of Walt Terry is certainly in the first class, and the novel sketch creates much merriment. Esther Wallace who is Terry's partner, is a quaint and original musical act has also won much applause during the week.

"Tomorrow will be so-called day. At the matinee a flash picture of the picture of the theater will be taken and every holder of a reserved seat coupon will be entitled to a copy of the picture free."

Company Cancelled.

The "Vanity Fair" Burlesquers who opened at the Star yesterday afternoon, intending to remain the balance of the week were cancelled after the matinee owing to the performance not coming up to the standard required of attractions playing that house.

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Mme. Sembrich's Recital.

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Musicians everywhere pronounce Mme. Sembrich the greatest singing artist now before the public and that she will receive an ovation here on the occasion of her first recital of the season is already assured. Word was received that she would reach Scranton on Monday next. She is very much interested in our city and will visit some of our institutions, including the International Correspondence School.

A Mean Man and a Broken Vase.

He felt obliged to make some kind of present to the young woman, but, being very anxious, he did not want to spend any money, and he was puzzled what to do, when suddenly, as he was walking through the park in London, he saw a handsome vase fall as a cherub was about to place it in the window. At once he entered the store and asked:

"How much do you want for that broken vase?"

"What, for those pieces on the floor?" cried the storekeeper in surprise. "Why, you can have them for a shilling. They're no use, for they can't be put together again."

"I don't care," answered the avaretic man, "I will have them for ten and sixpence extra if you'll make a package of them and send them to this lady's address."

The storekeeper promised to do so, and the avaretic man went home, overjoyed at the thought that he had made such a good bargain, for he said to himself: "When she receives the case she'll naturally conclude that it was broken during the journey."

He was mistaken, however, for the storekeeper wrapped each broken piece of the vase in a separate piece of paper. The donor heard of his blunder through the young lady's maid, for the young lady herself has not spoken to him since the shattered vase reached her.—Philadelphia Ledger.



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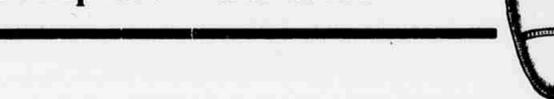
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